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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Regarding: Paul N. HARDY et al.
Serial No. 10/654,788
Filing Date 09/04/2003
For DEPLOYABLE BAG FOR A VACUUM BOX

Amendment with Replacement Drawings
plus Petition for Extension of Time

Attention: Group Art Unit 3727
Examiner Joseph C. Merek

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I certify that this correspondence is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Office address above on Feb. 3, 2005:

Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 3 FEB 2005.

Thank you for the 10/04/2004 Office communication/action (Paper No. 20040930) for the present application as well as the courtesies extended during the telephone interview with the Examiner on September 28, 2004. In reply to Paper No. 20040930 and in consideration of the interview, please reconsider and further examine this application.

Please extend the shortened statutory period for response one month to February 4, 2005. The Applicant remains a small entity. Thus the required fee of \$60.00 is submitted herewith (PTO-2038).

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS follow the present introductory page.

A formal drawings REPLACEMENT SHEET is annexed to this paper.

The present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims and more understandingly pictorially illustrates, and is fully supported by the original disclosure, which for the claims includes the underlying specification to include drawings. The numerals "10U" and "10L" of FIG. 4, which do not appear in the written description, are both rendered "10," which does appear in the description. No new matter is entered.

Claims 1-20 are present.

The Applicant confirms the provisional election made on Sep. 28, 2004 to prosecute the invention of Group I (bag and box) and Species A (FIG. 5). However the election was made WITH traverse. Note, page 3, penultimate line, of Paper No. 20040930 correctly states, "provisional election." Contemporaneous notes taken by the undersigned during the call also indicate traverse of both of the elections, a copy of those notes attached as an appendix.

FURTHER REMARKS follow the CLAIMS AMENDMENTS.

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